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For: ELECTROLYTE COMPOSITION, PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION ELEMENT
USING THE SAME, AND DYE-SENSITIZED PHOTOVOLTAIC CELL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated February 9, 2011 issued in counterpart application no. 10168993.3 citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

It is noted that two (2) references cited in the Action (JP 2003-157914 and P. WANG, “Gelation of Ionic Liquid-Based Electrolytes”) were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on January 12, 2006 and June 17, 2009, respectively.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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